



NAMMA AMERICAN CENTER

U.S. Consulate General Chennai



From Anne's Desk

Greetings from the American Center!

My family and I arrived in Chennai last year, and it is wonderful to be here. There is no better time to support the United States-India relationship, a relationship of unparalleled breadth and depth.

Though our Center remains closed due to health and safety considerations, we continue to offer services. We regularly host virtual programs on topics ranging from studying in the U.S. and democracy, to climate change and foreign policy; please follow our social media platforms to learn more.

Our books-by-mail service is also available (see page 3 for details). We have a brand new, online catalog that offers 77,000 resources from all the American Centers in India – please check it out! Our research team is available to answer your queries on all subjects related to the United States. Finally, for those of you starting university this year, we are offering virtual orientations to the Center; please contact us to schedule one.

We are using this time to give the American Center a bit of a facelift, including new windows and lighting. In addition to lots of new books and DVDs, we're adding new learning tools and ways to engage including a 3-D printer and virtual reality headsets. Stay tuned to learn more. Please stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Online Catalog:

<https://americanspacesindia.on.worldcat.org/discovery>

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Women in Space

Women have made great strides in space not only as astronauts flying daring missions but also as center directors, managers, and flight directors. Check out the American women in space who are in the news!

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Upcoming Programs:

July 26, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

July 28, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study. Join <https://bit.ly/EdUSA-AskAnAdviser>
#DiasporaDiplomacy-Personal Journey of NASA's Dr. Swati Mohan.

To register:

https://statedept.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Zh6CxJU7QyugRH3gJ9FIEg. To watch it on FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/chennai.usconsulate/>

August 18, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

#DiasporaDiplomacy- "The House of Waters" Virtual Concert from New York by Priya Dharshini.

To watch it on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/chennai.usconsulate/>

August 26, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

EducationUSA South Asia Fall Virtual Fair 2021 for Graduate students

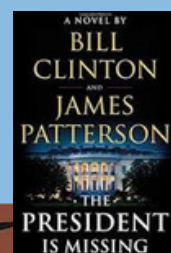
September 3, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

EducationUSA South Asia Fall Virtual Fair 2021 for Undergraduate students

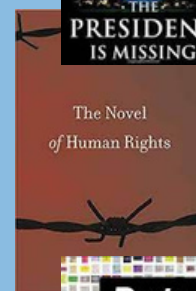
New Books

Clinton, Bill, and James Patterson. *The President Is Missing: A Novel*. First ed., Little Brown & Company, 2018. (CLI)

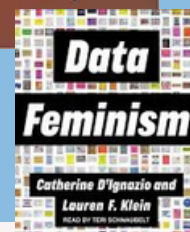
The president disappears. The world is in shock. But the reason he's missing is much worse than anyone imagines. With details only a president could know and the kind of suspense only James Patterson can deliver.



Dawes, James. *The Novel of Human Rights*. Harvard University Press, 2018. (DAW)
The Novel of Human Rights defines a new, dynamic American literary genre. It incorporates key debates within the contemporary human rights movement in the United States, and in turn influences the ideas and rhetoric of that discourse.

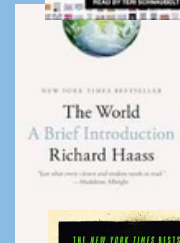


D'Ignazio, Catherine, and Lauren F Klein. *Data Feminism*. MIT Press, 2020. (305.42 DIG)
Data Feminism is an exceptional and entertaining primer for data scientists to understand essential ethical concepts like power, inequality, gender, and race.

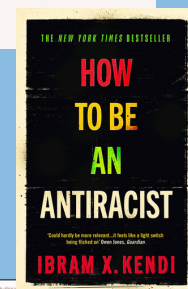


Grisham, John. *Camino Winds*. First ed., Doubleday, 2020. (GRI)

When a hurricane and a contract killer both make landfall on Camino Island, there's plenty of trouble in paradise. *Camino Winds* is an irresistible, thrilling beach read.



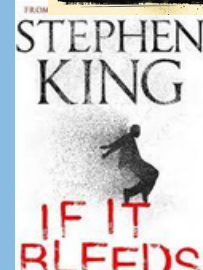
Haass, Richard. *The World: A Brief Introduction*. Penguin Press, 2020. (327.09 HAA)
The tectonic plates of international relations are moving. This is a critical time to understand what takes place around the world, why it takes place, and how it affects our lives. Richard Haass's *The World* is an evergreen book that will remain relevant and useful as history continues to unfold.



Kendi, Ibram X. *How to Be an Antiracist*. One World, 2019. (305.8 KEN)

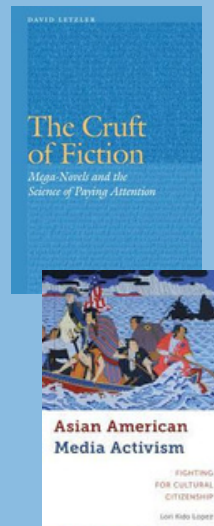
In this rousing and deeply empathetic book, Ibram X. Kendi, founding director of the Antiracism Research and Policy Center, shows that when it comes to racism, neutrality is not an option. Until we become a part of the solution, we can only be part of the problem.

King, Stephen. *If It Bleeds: New Fiction*. First Scribner hardcover ed., Scribner, 2020. (KIN)
From legendary storyteller and master of short fiction Stephen King comes an extraordinary collection of four new and compelling novellas – *Mr. Harrigan's Phone*, *The Life of Chuck*, *Rat*, and the title story *If It Bleeds* – each pulling you into intriguing and frightening places. These four brilliant novellas display King's extraordinary range with grace, humor, horror and breathtaking suspense.



Letzler, David. *The Craft of Fiction: Mega-Novels and the Science of Paying Attention*. University of Nebraska Press, 2017. (808.3 LET)

The *Craft of Fiction* shows how the attentional maturation prompted by reading long novels can help manage the information overload that increasingly characterizes contemporary life.



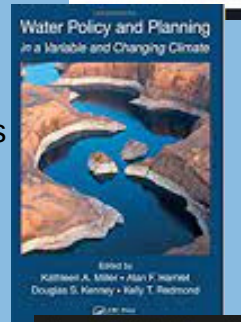
Lopez, Lori Kido. *Asian American Media Activism: Fighting for Cultural Citizenship*. New York University Press, 2016. (302.23 LOP)

Among the most well-known YouTubers are a cadre of talented Asian American performers, including comedian Ryan Higa and makeup artist Michelle Phan. Yet beneath the sheen of these online success stories lies a problem - Asian Americans remain sorely underrepresented.



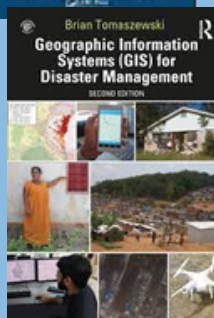
Miller, Kathleen A, et al., editors. *Water Policy and Planning in a Variable and Changing Climate: Insights from the Western United States*. CRC Press, 2016. (333.91 WAT)

This new book provides valuable contributions from a wide array of perspectives to help us better understand the environmental challenges we face and the responses necessary under these conditions. The contributors embrace uncertainty in the physical and social systems shaping future water options. This is liberating because it enables adaptive management of water sector risks under climate change.



Tomaszewski, Brian. *Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Disaster Management*. Second ed., Routledge, 2021. (363.348 TOM)

Using a hands-on approach grounded in relevant GIS and disaster management theory and practice, this textbook continues the tradition of the benchmark first edition, providing coverage of GIS fundamentals applied to disaster management. Real-life case studies demonstrate GIS concepts and their applicability to the full disaster management cycle.



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The U.S. National Park Service partnered with Google to create 360-degree views of five national parks across the country so anyone can appreciate the wild beauty of the American landscape.

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